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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements filed in the present application on October 5, 2000 and April 2, 2001, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention, which was cited in a Combined Search and Examination Report (copy enclosed) issued October 3, 2001, with respect to counterpart United Kingdom Patent Application No. GB 0120829.7:

European Patent Application No. EP 0757485 A2, published February 5, 1997, was cited as an "X" category document (i.e., document indicating lack of novelty or inventive step) with respect to claim 2 of the United Kingdom Application. In particular, column 9, lines 13-19 was identified as relevant.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above-noted document. A copy of the above-noted document is attached and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p), to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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